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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Portals II, TW-A325
Attention: Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau

RE: CC Docket No. 00-257

Dear Ms. Dortch:


Pursuant to Federal Communications Commission Rule Section 64.1120(e), Dickey Rural Access, Inc. (Dickey Rural) hereby notifies the Commission that effective November 1, 2002, Dickey Rural will acquire the Gwinner and Lisbon, North Dakota exchanges from Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota (Citizens) and the affected subscriber base will be transferred at that time to Dickey Rural. As a result of the acquisition, local services will be provided by Dickey Rural and intrastate toll services will be provided by Dickey Rural's long distance affiliate to the affected subscribers.

Dickey Rural hereby certifies that it has complied with the Commission's requirements to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

A copy of the notice sent to the affected subscribers is attached hereto.

Sincerely,

DICKEY RURAL ACCESS, INC.

By Darren D. Moser 
Darren D. Moser
General Manager

Attachment

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Customer
Address
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Dear Customer,

Welcome to the Dickey Rural Networks (DRN) family of telecommunication companies!

Dickey Rural Access, Inc., a Dickey Rural Networks company, has reached an agreement to buy the facilities serving the Gwinner (prefix 678) and Lisbon (prefix 683) telephone exchanges from Citizens Telecommunications Company of North Dakota (Citizens). Effective Nov. 1, 2002, Dickey Rural Networks will be your local telephone service provider. There is no charge for the changing of your local service from Citizens to DRN.

Because of this sale, Citizens will no longer be providing IntraLATA (in-state) toll service. Therefore, if you currently subscribe to IntraLATA (in-state) toll service from Citizens, and have not selected a new IntraLATA primary interexchange carrier, your IntraLATA carrier will become North Dakota Long Distance (NDLD), the default carrier for Dickey Rural Networks. Your switch to NDLD is absolutely free. There will be no change in your interstate toll service as a result of this sale.

In addition, existing primary interexchange carrier freezes on the services involved in the sale will be lifted and you must contact Dickey Rural Networks to arrange a new PIC (primary interexchange carrier) freeze. As a customer, you have the right to select a different primary carrier for local basic, InterLATA and IntraLATA toll service, if an alternate carrier is available.

DRN is confident you will be pleased with the services we offer. We will give you the same value of service that you currently enjoy with Citizens. There will be no change in basic local service rates. If a change should occur regarding local basic service rates, terms or conditions, you will be notified in writing via the U.S. Postal Service and our monthly customer newsletter, *Network Connections*. If your IntraLATA carrier becomes NDLD, you will be notified about changes in the NDLD rates, terms or conditions of service via bill messages, bill inserts, DRN's monthly customer newsletter, and on NDLD's website, <http://www.ndld.com>.

As your new local service provider, Dickey Rural Networks will be responsible for all service issues as of Nov. 1, 2002. If you have any questions about this notice or your service, please feel free to contact a DRN customer service representative at 344-5000 or toll free 877-559-4692. For any service issues arising prior to Nov. 1, please contact Citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren D. Moser", followed by a horizontal line.

Darren D. Moser
General Manager